Docket No. 8354-U
Georgia Public Service Commission OSS Workshop
Summary of Staff Recommendations
December 23, 1997

BILLING

POTENTIAL ISSUE	PROPOSED SOLUTION	IMPLEMENTATION TIME FRAME
1. System Capability		
a. BST has failed to provide systems relating to detailed access usage data for UNEs for billing purposes.	a. BST will provide access daily usage file (ADUF).	a. December 31, 1997
b. BST has failed to provide systems to bill for UNEs, including local loops, local transport and switching via CABs or using a CABs format.	b. This is a contractual issue and therefore no proposed solution is offered in the context of this technical workshop.	b. N/A
c. BST does not have the capability to record usage data or generate mechanized bills for many network elements. BST is not capable of providing usage sensitive billing for those UNEs that have usage sensitive pricing such as transport, switching, and signaling.	c. BST shall furnish an accurate paper bill in accordance with interconnection agreements.	c. February 15, 1998
d. BST cannot electronically transmit originating and terminating recording information for interstate calls and does not know when it will be able to do so.	d. BST will provide access daily usage file (ADUF).	d. December 31, 1997
e. BST has failed to provide systems that accurately produce bills for resold services.	e. Not an issue.	e. N/A
f. BST has failed to provide systems for accessing usage data for flat rate calls.	f. BST will add capability in central offices to capture data for flat rate calls.	f. December 1998
g. BST is not providing usage rates for Information Service Provider (e.g. N11) calls even though BST agreed to in middle 1996 and are required to by the AT&T/BST Interconnection Agreement.	g. CLECs have the ability to negotiate their own contracts with ISPs.	g. N/A
h. BST has failed to provide systems for mechanically generated billing statements.	h. BST shall furnish an accurate paper bill in accordance with interconnection agreements.	h. February 15, 1998
2. Billing Accuracies		
CABs - formatted bills were to be implemented by August 2, 1997. AT&T still has not received accurate CABs bills and remains in testing with BST.	This is a contractual issue and therefore no proposed solution is offered in the context of this technical workshop.	N/A

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1. Notice of Changes a. Insufficient notice of changes b. Insufficient documentation of specifications	a and b: BellSouth, AT&T, MCI and Sprint started a series of meetings on December 11, 1997 to develop a Process Document addressing and resolving these "change management" issues. This series of meetings and development of the document are supposed to conclude by January 31, 1998. One additional CLEC will also be notified so that they can have some input. The parties view this as positive, interactive solution.	a and b: January 30, 1998
2. Proprietary Interface a. Interim interface. b. Not compatible with industry standard EDI interfaces. c. CLECs cannot integrate preordering and ordering at parity with BST. d. Need for machine-to-machine or Application Programming Interface for preordering.	a thru d: EDI & API will be based on industry standards and therefore can be integrated and available for machine-to-machine use.	a thru d: EDI version 7.0 by March 16, 1998 API by December 31, 1998
3. Training a. Usable specs not made available. b. Documentation incomplete, has errors. c. BST personnel lacks adequate training.	a. Issue addressed in 1a and 1b. b. Issue addressed in 1a and 1b. c. Issue addressed in 1a and 1b. Also, BST to provide feedback on orders submitted for CLEC information in training their own staff.	a. January 30, 1998 b. January 30, 1998 c. January 30, 1998

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4. Information Information is not provided to show parity (i.e. CLEC tour of BST facilities).	Not a technical issue to be resolved in this docket.	N/A

BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into Development of Electronic Interfaces for BellSouth's Operational Support Systems	)))	Docket No. 8354-U

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ATTACHMENT 5

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Complaint of MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for Breach of Approved Interconnect Agreement	DOCKET NO. 980281-TP

Deposition of W. N. STACY, taken by MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc., pursuant to notice and agreement of counsel, before R. L. Shelnutt, Certified Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public, at 675 West Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, on the 22nd day of July, 1998, commencing at approximately 9:55 a.m.

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A. I did not. This was a -- as I characterized it in Tennessee, a prototype, a demonstration development, and we asked them to do it for a specific class of service and a specific order.
Q. Do you recall saying in Tennessee that you would make the technical description available to ALEC within two to three weeks?
A. Yes.
Q. Have you done that?
A. Yes. That is what this document proposed to do.
Q. Exhibit 23 is the technical specifications?
A. It's the technical description. No one has asked for any specifications beyond this, to my knowledge, so this is what we intended to provide.
Q. What Albion did --
A. Actually, I'm sorry, let me clarify that. I said that wrong.
Some company, and it may have been MCI, has asked for the code and I believe that has been provided to them already, but that was some point in time maybe a month and a half ago and I had forgotten about it, but that contact went directly

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to Albion and they have the release rights to release the -- actually the code which is the technical specifications if this is not sufficient.
Q. And you said that this project was developed as a demonstration prototype?
A. Yes.
Q. This could not be used commercially, could it?
A. This project could not be used commercially. The software that was used to develop this project could provide the foundation for a company developing their own integrated interface, but this was not intended to be used as a stand-alone interface.
Q. What would need to be done generally to use a software and develop a new commercially viable interface?
A. Let me set some assumptions on that and then I will proceed from there and I will use MCI's assumptions.
Q. Okay.
A. MCI has been working for some time to develop an EDI ordering package with BellSouth, so MCI has already made their decisions about what databases they're going to keep their ordering

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information in and how they're going to manage those and how they're going to translate those into an EDI order, so that set of data on the MCI side of the MCI interface already exists.
To take advantage of what was displayed here, MCI would have to take the coding that Albion did which shows them to how to retrieve preordering information, write that code -- incorporate that code into their own system to retrieve the preordering information and to parse the data and then to write the code to push that data into their own databases, so this would have to be modified to work with MCI's databases as it would in any -- I mean, that's the case of integration. We can show you how to do, it but we can't make the choices on your side of the business interface.
Q. Any estimate as to how long that would take?
A. Again, it depends on the number of products that MCI is interested in and the coders. These folks did it for the first product at a cold start in the time shown here, in about three months. Obviously, to do the same product the second time around would be considerably less than that, but it depends on how many products MCI wants to develop

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ordering for. It depends on your business plan.
Q. Would you be able to use this software with EDI as opposed to PC EDI? I think I know the answer to that based on our prior discussions but just to be clear.
A. Yes. What you would not need -- if you have already developed EDI, there is half of this software that you don't need because half of this software actually creates an order. In MCI's case, they have already written EDI software to create an order and send it, so that is already done, so they need the preordering half of this.
Q. So you wouldn't have an estimate for how long it would take to develop the software for say migration orders as opposed to say new residential orders?
A. I'm sorry. We're talking about --
Q. Let me start again.
I'm talking about just developing the same sort of software that Albion did for new residential orders. You don't have an estimate for how long it would take to do that for, say, migrate as is orders?
A. Your word fooled me. We call those convert as is instead of migrate as is.

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I can give you a rough estimate. For a switch as is order, the only piece of information that's required on the preordering side is a valid address and a valid telephone number which presumably the consumer already has because that's actually the simplest type. That should be literally four or five weeks of development to get that information back if MCI's coders operate at the same efficiency that these folks did because the basic coding to obtain that information out of BellSouth's systems and write it to a database is done, it just has to be modified.

Q. One more question about the contacts --

A. Yes.

Q. -- that the Albion folks used. Were they told who Albion was? What were they told about who Albion was?

A. They were told to treat Albion -- they were told that Albion was a developer employed by us and to treat them as they treat a CLEC. They were treated the same as the team that meets with MCI literally on a weekly basis that is doing EDI joint development.

Q. Other than whatever MCI may be doing with CGI and LENS for CSR information, is there any

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company using CGI LENS to place orders today?

A. To place orders, there are not. There are two companies that we know of that are using it to obtain preordering information.

Q. Is MCI one of those two?

A. Two beyond MCI. I'm sorry. MCI is one that we understand is using it to obtain customer service records. We have another CLEC -- did I -- yes, I'm trying to remember if we disclosed their name anywhere, OmniPoint, who is also obtaining CSRs and certain preordering information with CGI, and a second one and I do not recall the other one's name.

Q. Let's talk for a minute about EDI TCPIP SSL3.

MR. CARVER: When you get to a stopping place I would like to take a break.

MR. O'ROARK: That's fine with me. This is a good time.

[A short recess was had.]

Q. [By Mr. O'Roark] Mr. Stacy, before the break we were just beginning to start to talk about the EDI TC PIP SSL3.

A. Yes.

Q. Can you explain briefly what that is?

A. It is, as I mentioned earlier in passing,

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it is the third of four technical methods of delivering preordering information from an ALEC OSS to a CLEC. It uses the three technologies that are mentioned. It uses electronic data interchange which is used to package up the information and manage the format of the information. It uses the transmission protocol that is called TC PIP and then uses a security protocol called, SSL3, secure socket layers 3.

It has been one of two proposed national standards for some period of time over a year. It was voted on and approved as a standard I believe last month, but it may have been early this month, I'm not absolutely certain on the date, so it is now one of two national standards in progress for delivering preordering information.

Q. Would you agree that MCI has been requesting BellSouth to jointly implement EDI TC PIP SSL3 since mid 1997?

A. For some period of time. I'm not familiar with when the original request actually started.

Q. Will BellSouth now move forward with the development of this interface?

A. Yes. BellSouth has already committed to

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MCI to develop this, as we had earlier, once it was an approved national standard and, in fact, have begun the development work.

Q. How long do you expect that development work to take?

A. It is still in scope right now. I do not have a good answer yet. My anticipation is that we'll have something done prior to the end of this year, but part of that is going to depend on cooperation with MCI in joint development which is just now starting, so we're right at the early stages of understanding what the specification actually means.

Q. MCI and BellSouth have already had one meeting on implementing the interface?

A. I believe one. They may have actually had two, but I'm -- at least one.

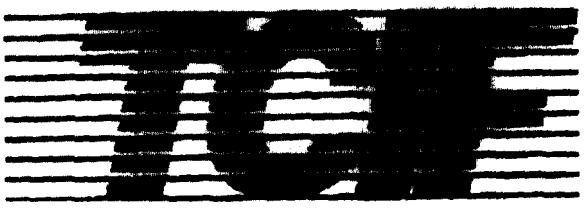
Q. That was my understanding. I wasn't trying to --

A. That's correct. I'm not just not sure whether there has been a second one yet or not.

Q. And do you agree that EDI TC PIP SSL3 will provide an industry standard for preordering that would be integrable with EDI?

A. Yes, that is its intent and it is now a

ATTACHMENT 6



ECIC Electronic Communications Implementation Committee

November 22, 1996

Re: EB Alternative Task Group Update

The EB Alternative Task Group met in Cincinnati on November 7, 1996 Phil Bennett of Ameritech has provided the following meeting notes. Attachments have been mailed and will be available at the next task group meeting at ECIC #10 in Dallas on Monday, December 2 at 1:00 PM.

Thank you,

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ECIC
Alternatives to CMIP/CMISE
Nov. 7, 1996

- Introductions and welcome by Julie and Jerome

- Attendance list circulated *(see attachment #1)*
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- Review of agenda
  - Review purpose
  - View presentations
    AT&T, Ameritech, NYNEX,OCS, BellSouth & OSI
  - Open discussion
  - Move towards a proposal for Dec ECIC meeting
  - Next steps
  - Adjournment

- Meeting Set Up
  - Purpose from last call handed out *(see attachment #2)*
  - Scope statement has not been provided.
  - Time frame: less than one year, six months to deploy

- Presentations Given
  - AT&T - Amitava Hazra (see attachment #3)
    - AT&T and PacBell along with Rochester Telephone have joined to offer an alternative
    - offered as a flexible process to support multiple EC applications
    - allows data to be modeled separately from process
    - Major difference from prior EC/lite proposals is the addition of a second option a choice between a graphic string or a sequence of specified elements defined by industry agreement (not attributes)

    Q &A

    - Ed - Reduction on attributes could be done by reducing attributes... off the shelf tools can do validation why do away with them? Why not pass through as a CMIP PDU? Will this work for 'mom & pops'?
    - Amitava - One size doesn't fit all but, cost is an order of magnitude lower...
    - Wei - Are there other extensions?
    - Amitava - If there are multiple destinations (multi-cast) this is a bigger issue than EC/lite...directories, local PICs may be the proper answer but if you are working with CMIP, you must have a manager/agent relationship.
    - Sung - From business point of view data model can not be removed.
    - Amitava - OS to OS legacy environment 'bunches' data and data model accomplishes very little.

- **BellSouth** - Wei Liu
  - Three page handout *(see attachment #4)*
  - Proposed the abstraction of three elements
    - transport
    - interface
    - data model
  - TCP/IP looks like the hands down winner for transport
  - Single interface may be controversial
  - Next step: ECIC model the interface instead of T1M1 to do GDMO

  Q&A
  - Jerome - define web
  - Wei/Sung/Ed - various tools allow use of web

- **OSI** - Ed Reeder
  - Ed presented overview of what is going on in the Network Management Forum (NMF)
  - Service Management Architecture Requirements Team (SMART)
    - SP to SP TA
    - Performance
    - Order Tracking
    - Customer to SP TA
  - Trouble Ticket business/process/data requirements
  - OO design of process flows
    - TINA C data flows (protocol neutral)
      - SMNP in review
      - CMIP in review
      - DCE in review
  - Lack of ECIC representation is an issue with them

  Q &A

  - Amitava - looks to be in competition with others...best not to compete...do not have the understanding of issues like OBF...AT&T has reduced their representation
  - Ed - valid concern, lots of European influance but now has a lotof domestic representation...they are addressing other protocols and are willing to cooperate
  - Jerome - what is the issue?
  - Ed - this if an FYI, shows what they are doing.
  - Jerome - Jerry has scheduled call with NMF. Local market entry is major AT&T concern.
  - Wei - is there deployment of SMART solutions?
  - Ed - no, it has just started but DCE RPC in trial
  - Wei - is complexity greater or less?
  - Ed - they are in some cases more complex because of the European problems but, they are modeling data to pass only what is needed.
  - Bob - NMF will limit themselves to describing the interface not the implementation (DEC/RPC) they will stay protocol neutral

- OCS - Sung Jae Yi
    - Slides available on request
    - Problem statement
    - Business Requirements
        - protect existing investment
        - cost effective
        - rapid implementation
        - minimal infrastructure investment
        - low HR requirements
        - low training
        - low maintenance costs
    - Architectural Requirements
        - Interoperable with current solutions
        - Scalability
        - High level of security
    - Illustration of current solution sets
    - Proposal (Lite)
        - uses light browser interface thru the web (HTTP)
        - sockets into existing CMIP gateway
    - Proposal (Heavy)
        - moves CMIP 'box' to manager site
        - can use dedicated transport facility avoiding the internet
    - Design of Lite (manager)
        - web server
        - manager functions
        - OSI protocol translation
    - Design of Heavy (manager)
        - Manager adds Web client
        - Agent adds web client
        - Benefits
            - low (or no) initial capital investment
            - minimal overhead
            - quick entry to EB
            - Focus on core business
            - Not tied to technology implementations
            - Flexible
            - no additional cost for new players
            - no additional development effort for new technology

Q &A

- Wei - where is the 'back end' capability?
- Sung - new players may not have 'back ends' at all.
- Phil - lite manages presentation as well?
- Sung - yes
- Ed - a proxy agent translates between HTML? What is the API for the heavy weight?
- Sung - an object of long discussion
- Amitava - How to standardize across interface?
- Venkat - As a service bureau? Do we define an new MIME type?
- Sung - Standard HTTP
- Several - How is HTTP standard?
- Ed - Are you proposing the standard transport as HTTP/HTML with a deferred data model?

- Sung- Use the same data model but provide the new players with a simple entry point.

- **Telesphere** - Jason Donahue/Jerry Johnson *(see attachment #5)*
  - worked with Ameritech in this presentation
  - Overview of industry's problem
  - Several needs that may not be solved by single solution
  - Illustrated needs and technologies
    - Segmentation has reduced time to development and lowered cost bar new smaller players
    - Large players still have flow through needs
  - Multiple protocols and mediation will probably emerge in the market
    - Investment in TMN and this must be preserved
  - EDI
    - mature
    - cross industry
    - business standards
  - Possibilities
    - use intranet for low end players
    - TMN for high end players
  - Recommendation leverage cross industry technologies like EDI/CORBA

Q & A

- Phil - Did Ameritech unilaterally define these EDI mappings/data elements?
- Jerry - Yes.
- Venkat - manager/agent may not fit emerging business model
- Bob - Can EDI formats can be mapped for GDMO?
- Jerry - Yes, EDI provides format that can be used on EC/lite and GDMO can be mapped into the EDI record. We should take advantage of the cross industry base of business functions defined in EDI.
- Venkat - If we go thru a VAN with EDI what kind of turnaround rate is reasonable.
- Jerry - It depends. EDI describes structure. The VAN defines performance. Technology can support near real time.
- Ed - Are the records ASCII? If so, the delay is in translation?
- Jason - The bottleneck is generally the OSS speed.
- Jerry - Many are not using VANS. They deploy their own network. TCP/IP and sockets.
- Brian - are there standards for real time transmission?
- Jerry - No, but there are conventions.
- Amitava - What is interactive EDI?
- Jerry - Paired transactions over your network. It is implementation dependent.

- **Southwestern Bell** - Brian Bearden
  - Verbal presentation (over the conference bridge) of CORBA
  - Problem Statement
    - OSI HR resources and budget were very hard to find
    - Tools are scarce, too (about three vendors)
    - Tools were complex and didn't have users in mind
  - We may able to 'lead the industry'
    - CORBA can meet all segments' needs
  - History/Scope of CORBA
    - began with OMG in 1979
    - object oriented
    - remote and local objects both treated the same
    - not specific to implementation
    - architecture only
    - inter-vendor protocol
  - Tool sets need not be the same across the interface
  - Runs over any TCP/IP network
  - Many vendors now support CORBA
- Described a CORBA based gateway
  - support for private line via routers
  - dial in via PPP
- Nine implementations have been approved
- Many tools support IIOP GUIs
- Supports JAVA for thin clients
- Real and available
  - Sprint's Ntwk Mgr build on it
  - interoperable
- See http://www.CORBA.NET for test bed/certification

Q & A

- Tom - Are CORBA tools less costly?
- Brian - We use a 'high end' vendor that is $500. Server and client runtime versions are $50 to $5.
- Amitava - Where does TMN stand with T1M1? Are we going to ask them to use CORBA?
- Brian - T1M1 is starting to be more accepting.
- Amitava - We still need to define data models.
- Brian - Yes, all technologies require data modeling.
- Jason - T1M1 should be the forum for this discussion.
- Brian - ECIC as an implementation forum should recommend.
- Brian - DCOM might also be considered.
- Ed - XOPEN is working on inter-technology mapping.
- Brian - GDMO is complex and these new methods are easier to learn. They are also business neutral. Data structure must be included.
- Ed - Based on experience, how long does it take a untrained programmer to use CORBA vs. CMIP?
- Brian - I'm the only one at my company that understands CMIP...but, CORBA takes three weeks it takes months for CMIP.
- Amitava - modeling takes to long
- Brian - but, the process of getting agreement on a model to `get to market` is not the tool issue
- Venkat - does CORBA also suffer from small number of vendors and tools?

- Brian - it is much more mature. The market is much wider. There are some 50+ vendors and the tools are getting better and cheaper.
- Venkat - the number of real applications are very few.
- Brian - OMG has eight mission critical projects listed on their home page Southwest has two, Motorola put Iridium on it....
- Jerry - How far has CORBA gone outside of your company?
- Brian - We are using CMIP with MCI, AT&T, & Sprint. We use Java with smaller firms.

- NYNEX - Jerry Stroud
  - Handouts (see attachment # 8)
  - History of their experience
    - NY PUC specified EB
    - CLEC/Reseller information requirements defined
  - Electronic Interface Format (EIF)
    - Began as proprietary contract for internal OS communications
    - tag value based
    - elements defined by model
    - template driven
    - ASCII
  - A reseller took specification and coded application in a few months
  - NYNEX also supports a web browser

  Q & A

  - Ed - what did you do about security?
  - Jerry - we addressed it with commercially available encryption tools.

Open Discussion

- Alternatives reviewed
  - EC/LITE
  - EIF
  - EDI
  - CORBA/IIOP
- Transport TCP/IP seems to be the dominate transport solution.

- EC/Lite
  - Cost Factors
    - expensive tools sets
    - reusable for those that have already implemented
    - not acceptable to smaller customers
    - high HR costs
      - long learning curve for development
      - high mtce
    - CMIP testing is less
  - Supports multiple applications
  - Stack generally limited to UNIX only
  - No data model yet approved but this a problem common to all proposals
  - Faster to market than fully modeled GDMO process
  - It is unclear that what is left out would substantially speed time to market
  - Conformance testing may be faster
  - Implementation of business related issues may not be faster to market
  - easily extendible

- Secure as existing CMIP processes
- Scalable as existing CMIP processes (more up for large customers than down for small ones)
- Reliable as existing CMIP processes

- EIF (tag values)
  - Currently proprietary
  - Cost factors
    - Requires development of parsing routines
    - Low development time
    - Generally one time build
    - Changes are in template
  - Transport independent file transfer (could be done via message orientation)
  - Simple and fast to market
  - Can be built to meet business requirements
  - Are there limits to data complexity?
    - Supports groups/bundles
    - Supports instances
    - Secured from external applications
    - Scalability: performance is linear
  - Reliability
    - Conformance/interoperable testing between three parties
    - NYNEX is developing testing suite
    - Library for acknowledgment/response must be developed (NYNEX isn't offering this)

- EDI
  - Cost factors
    - EDI spec $600
    - TCP/IP tools
    - Software tools are available on several platforms PC thru UNIX
    - Transaction set tools are available
    - Development costs can leverage experience within organization
  - TCIF has worked out mapping for resale
  - Mature - widely available from several vendors
  - Widely in development for resale efforts
  - Meets business requirements(or can be made to)
  - Supports loops (reoccurring instances)
  - A transaction set becomes the complex object...
  - Security has been defined for use of tools like DES
  - Scalable across platform and market segments
  - May have scale problems for high transaction volumes
  - Interoperability between vendors is high
  - Data mapping/business rules are key to interoperability
  - Mapping of data elements to the transaction set should be done by standards body

- CORBA
  - Cost effective (tools are inexpensive)
  - Time to market is quick
  - Data model mapping tools available
    - easier to do from 'scratch'
    - OMG has set up modeling groups but not approved models are presently defined (in process)
    - took four hours to translate 227 to CORBA

- Conformance testing is certifying by OMG
- Vendor supported but not yet mature
- Security is in the works but for now would have to be external
- Cross industry
- CORBA is scalable from thin client to larger UNIX platforms
- Phil brought in some recent articles on CORBA *(see attachments)*

- Next Steps
  - Written scope/mission statement
  - Members should talk to customers
  - Summary for Steering Committee
    - pros/cons
    - judgment criteria
  - Recommend ECIC define simple data syntax from business
  - Process and Data models from other bodies i.e. OBF, NMF, or NOF...
  - Have Network Management Forum presentation at December ECIC

Attachment #1

Attendance List
Nov. 7th Meeting

Name	Company	Telephone
Julie Maier	Cincinnati Bell	(513) 397-7227
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Venkat Rao	GTE	(813) 979-5343
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Jason Donahue	Telesphere Solutions, Inc	(415) 845-2661
Jerry Johnson	Telesphere Solutions, Inc	(415) 845-2662
Philip Bennett	Ameritech	(847) 248-4158
Wei Liu	BellSouth	(770) 209-8062
Sung Jae Yi	OCS	(908) 463-3131
Jerry Stroud	NYNEX	(212) 395-8618

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Tom Barrett	PacTel	(510) 823-1941
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Recommend/Define protocol for alternative solution for local EB.

1) Transport
2) API

That is:

- Cost effective
- Fast to Market (less than six months to implement)
- Meet business requirements (not limited to one business function)
- Flexible (to keep up with OBF modifications)
- Secure
- Scaleable
- Reliable

That provides a single solution for:

- Pre-sale/Post sale
- Ordering
- Trouble Administration

ATTACHMENT 7

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August 18, 1997

Ms. Ilene Barnett
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Dear Ms. Barnett:

This letter is in response to Cathy Forbes' June 26 letter, which replied to Helen Arthur's June 16, 1997 inquiry in reference to the following section in the MCImetro-BellSouth Interconnection Agreement:

Attachment VIII
2.1.3 Street Address Guide (SAG)
2.1.3.1 Within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date of this Agreement, BellSouth shall provide to MCIm the SAG data, or its equivalent, in electronic form. All changes to the SAG shall be made available to MCIm on the same day as the change to the data is made.

This section clearly requires BellSouth to provide to MCIm in electronic form either the SAG data or its equivalent. As it is more than thirty (30) days since the interconnection agreements became effective in Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and North Carolina, BellSouth is overdue in providing to MCIm in electronic form the SAG data.

Ms. Forbes letter states, and I quote, " Since, BellSouth is unable to provide the initial SAG data and daily updates in batch form the only available equivalent would be using online access". MCIm is capable of accepting an electronic download of this data via NDM until a regular mechanized daily batch process can be implemented to accommodate daily updates.

MCIm insists that BellSouth comply with the terms of its interconnection agreements with MCIm and provide MCIm in electronic form with the SAG data no later than August 29, 1997. Failure to do so will significantly hamper MCIm's entry into the local market by forcing MCIm to continue to contend with manual intervention in the pre-ordering/ordering process to verify customer street address information, and, will demonstrate BellSouth's continued lack of compliance with the contracts.

Please reply to this letter no later than August 22, 1997.

Sincerely,

Walter J. Schmidt

cc: Marcel Henry - MCI
Charlene Keys - MCI
Bryan Green - MCI
Jeremy Marcus - MCI
Joe Baker - BellSouth
Pam Lee - BellSouth